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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a ONE-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding final Office Action mailed 11 December 2003 (and the Advisory Action dated 30 March 2004), thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from 11 March 2004 to 11 April 2004.

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